REMARKS

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In the December 14, 2004 Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1-5 and 7-12 were pending in the application, allowed claims 1-5 and rejected claims 7-12. Claims 7-12 have been canceled and thus, only the allowed claims 1-5 remain. Therefore, the application is in condition for allowance.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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